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Consolidated Edison Communications, Inc.

Application for a certificate of
local and interexchange authority
to operate as a reseller and a facilities
based carrier of telecommunications
services throughout the
State of Illinois.

00-0689

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BECOME A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**
(Use additional sheets as necessary.)

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name(including d/b/a, if any)

FEIN # 13 398 4646

Consolidated Edison Communications, Inc. ("CECI" or "Applicant")

Address: Street 132 West 31st Street, 13th Floor

City New York

State/Zip New York 10001

2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply) X 13-403 Facilities Based Interexchange

X 13-404 Resale of Local and/or Interexchange

X 13-405 Facilities Based Local

3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for local exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting and explain why Applicant is requesting each waiver/variance.

X Part 710 Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers

X Part 735 Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits,
Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Local
Exchange Telecommunications Carriers in the State of Illinois

X Section 735.180 Directories

 X Other

Applicant requests authorization pursuant to 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 250 to maintain its books and records outside the State of Illinois at its principal place of business in the State of New York.

Initially, Applicant will not offer circuit-switched voice services. Therefore, Applicant requests waiver of 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts 720, 725, 755, 756, 757 and 772 until such time that CECI offers circuit-switched voice services within Illinois.

4. For all applicants requesting local exchange authority under Section 13-404 or Section 13-405, please complete the following:
- (a) the Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix A of this document
 - (b) the 9-1-1 Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix B of this document;
 - (c) the Financial Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix C of this document; and
 - (d) if applicable, the Prepaid Service Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix D of this document.

5. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?

Applicant proposes to provide telecommunications services throughout the State of Illinois. Applicant currently does not plan to provide local exchange services in the service areas of any exempt small or rural incumbent local exchange carriers.

6. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:

- a) issues related to processing this application
- b) consumer issues
- c) customer complaint resolution
- d) technical and service quality issues
- e) "tariff" and pricing issues
- f) 9-1-1 issues
- g) security/law enforcement

Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address.

Please see Exhibit 1.

7. Please check type of organization?

 Individual

 X Corporation

 Partnership

Date corporation was formed November 7, 1997

In what state? New York

 Other (Specify)

8. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois.

Please see Exhibit 2.

9. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

None

10. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

 YES (Please provide details) X NO

11. Have there been any complaints or judgements levied against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

 YES X NO

If YES, describe fully. _____

12. Has Applicant provided service under any other name?

 YES X NO

If YES, please list. _____

13. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? YES X NO

Applicant requests authorization pursuant to 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 250 to maintain its books and records outside the State of Illinois at its principal place of business in the State of New York.

MANAGERIAL

14. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms.

Please see Exhibit 3.

15. List officers of Applicant.

<u>Peter A. Rust</u>	<u>Chief Executive Officer and President</u>
<u>Felipe J. Alvarez</u>	<u>Chief Operating Officer</u>
<u>John F. Pinto</u>	<u>VP, Engineering and Construction</u>
<u>Christopher J. Metaxas</u>	<u>VP. Business Development</u>

Directors:

<u>Robert P. Shelben</u>
<u>John Nutant</u>
<u>Louis P. Rana</u>

16. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? YES X NO

If YES, list entity. _____

17. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)? (At a minimum, describe how often the Applicant will bill for service and details of the billing statement.)

CECI will bill directly for its services.

18. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints? (At a minimum, describe Applicant's internal process for complaint resolution, the complaint escalation process, the timeframe and process by which the customer is notified by Applicant that they may seek assistance from the Commission?)

CECI is a competitive access provider and will not provide voice services to end users. However, Applicant will maintain a toll-free, customer service number, (877) Ringfiber or (877) 746-4342, that its customers may call to register service, billing and repair complaints or inquiries. Customers may also send written complaints and inquiries to Applicant at 132 West 31st Street, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10001. Applicant views customer satisfaction as critical to its success in the competitive marketplace and will address all service, billing, and repair complaints and inquiries promptly. If Applicant is unable to resolve a complaint to a customer's satisfaction, Applicant will advise the customer of his or her right to file a complaint with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

19. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? X YES NO

20. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

A customer may use (877) Ringfiber to contact CECI.

21. Will Applicant abide by all Federal and State slamming and cramming laws pursuant to Section 13-902 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 258 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act?

 X YES NO

22. Please describe applicant's procedures to prevent slamming and cramming of customers?

CECI is a competitive access provider and will not provide end user services. At such time as Applicant does provide end user service, it will comply with Illinois law and the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") regulations regarding how interexchange carriers may change a consumer's primary interexchange carrier. Applicant will also comply with the FCC's regulations regarding how carriers may change a consumer's primary local exchange provider.

23. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 730, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

 YES X NO (If no, please provide an explanation.)

CECI will abide by all of the above referenced Illinois Administrative Code Parts except those from which it seeks a waiver in this Application. Please see response to Question 3 above.

24. Is Applicant aware that it must file tariffs prior to providing service in Illinois?

 X YES NO

FINANCIAL

25. Please attach evidence of Applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service.

Please see Exhibit 4. *[Filed separately under seal pursuant to Section 200.430 of the Illinois Administrative Code.]*

TECHNICAL

26. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, please list the facilities Applicant intends to utilize. Also include evidence that Applicant possesses the necessary technical resources to deploy and maintain said facilities:

Initially, CECI plans to offer services through a combination of purchased and leased assets. CECI intends to construct a facilities-based dedicated and private line fiber optic communications infrastructure. The infrastructure will be enabled with the latest generation of integrated optical networking equipment that provides access, multiplexing, switching, and transport.

If NO, which facility provider(s)'s services does the Applicant intend to use?

27. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, internet, debit cards, long distance service, data services, local service, prepaid local service).

CECI requests authority to provide all forms of telecommunications services throughout the State of Illinois. CECI does not expect to deviate from the ILEC's local service areas unless and until the Commission revises its rules on local calling scope. CECI's services will be available on a full time basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

CECI intends to construct a facilities-based dedicated and private line, fiber optic communications infrastructure capable of delivering survivable, secure, maximum-quality transport services. CECI's network will utilize state-of-the-art fiber optic facilities running over top-grade cabling capable of supporting Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing ("DWDM"), multiple self-healing SONET rings with diversely routed fiber paths, and interconnection with specialized survivability features and options. The fiber optic infrastructure is a reliable, high-performance network backbone that can survive and reroute around fiber cuts, facility problems, and equipment failures. Applicant believes that the advanced technical characteristics of its network will allow it to provide the high levels of reliability, security, and efficiency that its target customers typically demand.

CECI will continuously monitor and maintain a high level of control over its network on a 24-hour basis through its network operations center. Applicant's network is capable of using the highest commercially available capacity transmission (OC-192) and beyond. All its services ride on a DWDM and SONET based backbone network designed to maximize reliability and survivability.

Initially, CECI will lease the fiber optic facilities of other carriers while its own facilities are being built. As the Applicant completes the build-out of its network, the Applicant will move this traffic onto its own network.

CECI does not currently own any facilities in the State of Illinois, including switches, in connection with or to facilitate communication by telephone. Prior to constructing facilities in Illinois, the Applicant will provide a description of the Illinois facilities to be constructed.

28. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

 X YES NO

29. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e) unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? YES NO

Not applicable since Applicant does not intend to provide payphone service.



(Signature of Applicant)

VERIFICATION

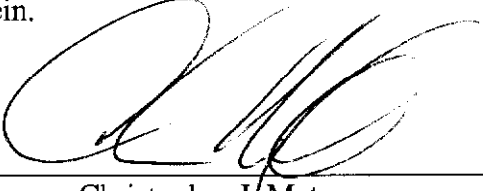
This application shall be verified under oath.

OATH

State of New York)
)ss
County of New York)

Christopher J. Metaxas makes oath and says that he is Vice President of Business Development of Consolidated Edison Communications, Inc.

that he has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.

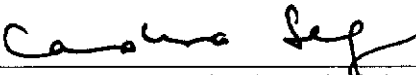


Christopher J. Metaxas

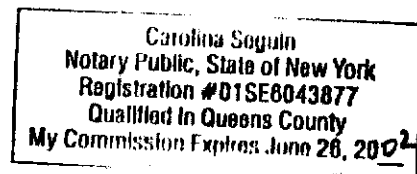
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public:

manager,
HR & Administration
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and County above named, this 12th day of October, 2000.



(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)



EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1	Question 6 – Contact Persons
Exhibit 2	Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Illinois
Exhibit 3	Resumes of Key Personnel
Exhibit 4	Financial Statements [Filed separately under seal pursuant to Section 200.430 of the Illinois Administrative Code]
Exhibit 5	Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation (“UTAC”) Form and Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (“ITAC”) Form
Exhibit 6	Chart of Accounts [Filed separately under seal pursuant to Section 200.430 of the Illinois Administrative Code]